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The President and the Tariff.

Commenting on the report that the Senate will make the tariff bill, the New York Evening Post says:

"It is doubtless this ominous prospect which is troubling President Taft. He knows what the verdict of the country will be if the House adopts a reasonable good bill, and then the Senate fills it full of the old tariff intrigues. Such a result would lend new and damning force to the charge that the Senate, removed from the popular vote, has become the place where corporations and men with a sinister interest in politics interrel themselves and bid defiance to the will of the people. One thing is certain: if such a deadlock between the popular assembly and the chamber of privilege does arise, President Taft will leave it no doubt where he stands. He is not now meddling with any details of the tariff, and he will not use the offices to bribe the way of the bill he favors; but when the time comes he will surely let the people, whose direct elect he is, know what he thinks. It is not impossible that he will soon be face to face with a tariff crisis comparable to that which confronted Cleveland in 1894; and we have no doubt that he will meet it with all of Cleveland's courage and force."

It would be well for the President to take inspiration from a very different source than the Cleveland record of 1894.

There are features of the present battle resembling those of the battle of fifteen years ago. There are conferences at the White House. Both republican senators and representatives are consulting with the President about the details of tariff revision, giving their views as to what should be done and the difficulties in the way. The President, it is understood, is doing more listening than talking. It is up to Congress to prepare and pass a bill, and his chart is not his message, but the Chicago platform, and he wants the party's promise made at that time fulfilled.

Now let us suppose a case. Suppose as the debate in the Senate nears its close some criticism of the Senate's work on the Payne bill appears in leading republican newspapers, and sentiment becomes inflamed against the Senate on the subject. Suppose the President falls in with that sentiment, and addresses some friend in the House denouncing the Senate's action and those senators who in the popular belief are responsible for it. Suppose those senators, rising in their places one after another, repel the President's charges, and in return make charges against him. Suppose they declare upon their honor as men that every important change in the House bill made by the Senate was first submitted by them to the President and he approved. Suppose they accuse him of playing to the galleries, and of running before an outcry founded upon a misrepresentation of them and the Senate.

Suppose after denouncing the Senate and certain senators as having betrayed the party and covering themselves with "perfidy and dishonor" in passing a tariff bill unworthy to become a law, the President, with the veto power in his hands, permits the measure to become a law without his signature, although urged to kill it by some of his nearest friends and strongest supporters.

The result? Well, it is anybody's guess. But is anything likelier than in such circumstances the republican party would receive a most damaging jolt? Would there be any hope of concord between the President and Congress at the regular session next winter? And, without concord then, what of next year's congressional elections? And what would all this inevitably follow in 1912 a democratic House elected in 1910 as the result of republican divisions?

If a crisis arises and the President meets it in the Cleveland fashion, in the language of the poet, Good-bye, John! The republicans will then find themselves at last on the toboggan.

Potomac Park Concerts.

The order of the President that a bandstand shall be erected on the speedway in Potomac Park and that the Marine Band give two concerts a week there during the pleasant season is a brilliant stroke toward popularizing the great dredge-made pleasure ground and adding to the gaiety and happiness of the leaf and flower months in Washington.

A great part of Washington's population has not yet discovered Potomac Park. It seems to the natives here such a few years ago when this area was a river flat, exposed at low tide and seasons of low water, and rank with ribbon grass, wild celery and other aquatic plants that it almost strains belief that this place should so soon have become a beauty spot. That part of the park west of the new bridge has reached its maximum of beauty. The willow trees have made excellent growth, and the broad lawns are green, but have not yet become rich, sound turf. Trees other than the willows are small. Still the outlook from the sea wall on the river side and around the tidal basin is restful and picturesque, and the drives and walks are alluring.

The part of the park eastward of the new railroad bridge and extending to the juncture of the Washington and Georgetown channels has not received its full treatment from the landscape gardener, but this is soon to be.

The open-air concerts by government bands at the Capitol, White House and in the various parks have been an attractive feature of the Washington summer. The Potomac Park concert, with the probable eclipse all the others in the matter of popularity and patronage. All Washington will meet there.

The Filipinos have already progressed sufficiently to take an interest in the comparative advantages of high tariff and free trade.

Oratory in Congress.

There is something naive in the complaint that the night sessions of the House are thinly attended, and that speakers are forced to address long rows of empty chairs. How can a man under such circumstances do justice to his subject? Is an actor inspired to his best when only a baker's dozen of men and women compose the audience and languidly follow his lines? Can an orator hope to draw men around to his view and make votes for the measure he favors unless the men whose votes he seeks present themselves and give him their ears? In Washington, where we have Congress nearly always with us, this is an old theme. Inattention to oratory in Con-

gress is a matter of course. Empty seats on the floor of either chamber except when something absorbing is under discussion and somebody of especial note is discussing it are quite the rule. Members do not enthuse one another with their carefully prepared outgivings. As a rule, they are politicians accustomed to speech-making and familiar with all the tricks of the trade. As much as the average member should ask, they think, is an opportunity to get into the Record with his set speech and flood his district with copies. It is appraised as intended for home consumption, and likely to have an influence there if anywhere.

This may be, and probably is, surprising to a new member with a local reputation for oratory and a capacity to stir his home town to the center in the courthouse on county court day. He has looked forward to trying his powers on Congress, and has hailed his election as opening the door of opportunity to him. He has seen in his mind's eye every seat before him filled, the galleries packed with residents of the capital, a sort of holiday in town proclaimed and enthusiasm beyond control awakened by his effort.

Alas for the real awakening! A few acquaintances among the members support him with their presence and try to cheer his faltering heart with applause, but all is over. Podunk, he discovers, is the only place for genuine eloquence. But Podunk, instructed by the Record, gets the idea that it was a day of triumph in Capua, and the device was to pay when its representative took the floor.

Thomas B. Reed thought that long speeches in Congress, except in special cases, were such drags on patience and such consumers of valuable time they should be made a penitentiary offense. The elaboration of his idea in a personal conversation showed him in his wildest and most bantering form. He held that such speeches never made a vote on either side, and at best were but stumpp performances. He looked upon Congress as a body for debate, pure and simple, where business should be performed in a business-like way, all parade giving way to short statements going straight to the point. He himself lived up to his precept.

But we shall continue to have the old order. Orators will not be denied what so many have longed for. Only they should not complain when they discover the difference between Podunk and Washington.

A Homelike Dinner.

The best natured editors have their off days. The sweetest disposition will sometimes turn sour. Something trivial goes wrong and a fit of bile or blues follows. Sometimes the editor may shout roughly at a leaden-footed office boy whose thoughts are afar in daisy-spangled fields, a leaf-embowered crystal swimming pool, or some throbbing, thrilling base ball game. Sometimes his stomach may impel him to cry "scat" to the office cat. Sometimes he dips his pen in the wrong bottle of ink and writes an editorial. This is from the Providence Tribune:

"THE UBIQUITOUS DINNER."

"If the idea is acceptable to him the citizens of Washington announce that they will give a dinner to Thomas of West Taft. Of that proposition it is said that it appeals to the public spirit of the District and that the provision of an occasion for the chief of the magistracy of the nation at once direct and intimate touch with its residents will be decidedly helpful in stimulating his interest in municipal affairs. Possibly it is a matter of no great consequence, of course, but it is never very difficult to invent excuses for dinners in honor of this or that person, so-called big dinners, that is. Nevertheless, in this particular instance the opinion may be ventured that if there is anything on the face of the earth that Mr. Taft does not need it is a repeat on an elaborate scale, a banquet like that served at the White House, enough of them, surely; more than were good for him, perhaps. If he is disposed to concern himself regarding the administration of affairs in the District of Columbia he can do it without eating and speaking in a hall."

Nonsense. The President is going to eat a good, wholesome, pure-food dinner with his homelike in Washington. It is going to be a good-fellowship dinner. If the editor of the Tribune is in town he may come along and mingle. The President has had so many dinners, some of them alimantal and some of them political, away out in the provinces and in tall-timber villages like Providence, New York and Chicago, that the people of Washington want to show him what real good home cooking is.

The Star told in its news columns last evening that committees representing the Washington Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce, called upon the President yesterday, and invited him to attend a dinner to be given in his honor by the citizens of the District of Columbia. The invitation was accepted with pleasure.

On His Travels.

Mr. Roosevelt is discovering how impossible the role of private citizen is to him now. He is a public character of world-wide note, and wherever he roves, whatever realms to see, the people advised of his coming will turn out in force to greet him. And of course he likes, and should like, the demonstrations. Why not? The world likes entertainment, and should have it, and the man who contributes to its pleasures as well as to its progress cannot escape its manifestations of interest and good will. Even in the heart of Africa, the natives, to the limited extent of their powers, may be expected to do him honor.

It is claimed that a prohibition bill has been introduced in the Missouri legislature to spite the brewers who supported republicans. Every other thirst is to be sacrificed to a thirst for revenge.

Science continues to be interested in polar explorations, and it is so far that most of the reports from most expeditions are largely devoted to the weather and the food supply.

Mr. Roosevelt wore a frock coat when he visited Gibraltar. This must have been a great disappointment to the people who expected to see him in cowboy costume.

The prophecy by Gov. Folk that Mexico will become a part of the United States is the first question raised in years as to the permanency in office of Mr. Diaz.

Debate on the tariff suffers in interest because of the fact that by noting the constituency a statesman represents his views may often be anticipated.

A single county in Texas has 10,000 acres planted in peanuts. The success of the coming circus season is assured.

The Arlington Amphitheater.

It would seem that at last Arlington is to have its great memorial amphitheater. The subject has long been under consideration. According to the account given in the news columns of the Star last evening, "The commission, of which President Taft while Secretary of War was a member, appointed under the terms of the public buildings act to prepare plans for a memorial amphitheater in the national cemetery at Arlington has submitted its report to Congress."

The commission contemplates the erection of a modern structure embracing 34,000 square feet of land and costing \$695,000. A crypt may be constructed under the colonnade, and in this may be buried the remains of distinguished men. Portrait statues may stand in the colonnade.

The present amphitheater at Arlington is not all that it is intended the new structure shall be, yet it is a beautiful place, hallowed by a thousand reverent memories. With its white pillars and its summer draperies of green vines and purple blossoms of wistaria, it is held in affectionate regard by hosts of Americans.

The idea of making a social gathering place of Washington's magnificent park system along the Potomac is one of those good ideas that might have occurred to anybody. But Mrs. Taft thought of it first.

Some of the eminent gentlemen who have allowed wordy conflict to lead them to blows should note the example of forbearance set by Jeffries and Johnson.

Suffragettes in Seattle are organizing a vaudeville benefit show. But this cannot be construed as an admission that they do not take themselves seriously.

If Chicago college professors were to deny all the absurd comments attributed to them they would have no time for their duties as professors.

King Peter of Servia has held the throne so much longer than was expected that he can vacate and still be considered a success.

Mr. Fairbanks goes serenely on disproving that old tradition about the vice presidency being an avenue to oblivion.

Another fortunate feature of the case is that Willie Whitt is too young to lecture.

SHOOTING STARS.

By PHILANDER JOHNSON.

A Plea for the Verities.

"Do you resent the caricatures they publish of common kings?" "No," answered Mr. Dustin Stax; "only I wish they would be a little more consistent and not make us look like jolly fat men when most of us are fighting dyspepsia."

Shakespeare. How could he be the genius That he has oft been called? His purse was always empty filled And his head was almost bald!

Household Hint.

"Do you know how to use a chafing dish?" "Yes," answered Mr. Sirius Barker. "I have some novel ideas on the subject."

"What are they?" "The best way I know of to use a chafing dish is to punch a hole in the bottom of it, paint it green and plant flowers in it."

Spring Signs.

"Which of the various signs of spring impress you most?" asked the sentimentalist.

"The signs 'For Sale' and 'For Rent,' answered the practical person.

Hope.

"There are no great plays any more," said the palmy day actor regretfully.

"No great plays!" echoed the enthusiast. "Just you wait till our ball team gets into its summer form!"

An Intrusive Thought.

Each question that you boldly bring Upon the public's listening ear Is hailed as a momentous thing That claims attention all austere.

And yet there sounds an echoing phrase That is dismissed but to return Its mild pathetic cry to raise: "When are you going to adjourn?"

It cannot be till matters grave Are wisely settled for the beat. Yet much instructed minds will crave From knowledge now and then a rest.

The question—a "is most timely, When Duty's call sounds clear and stern— That still comes uppermost is this: "When are you going to adjourn?"

No More White Bread.

From the Columbus Ohio State Journal.

The bleaching of flour will hereafter be prohibited. This order goes forth from the pure food bureau. There has been a hard fight against the proposed action of the bureau, but it was against fate. The bleaching process is that which makes the flour very white, but it is regarded as weakening the flour. That is, the whiteness costs something, and the consumer pays for it in deteriorated flour. That is the position of the pure food bureau, and on this account they have proscribed it. After June 3, it will be unlawful to sell flour that has been bleached.

This thing of preferring the snow-white bread to the creamy tinted bread is a bad. The latter sort is more healthy, more nutritious, more tasty. People must understand that this bread is better for them. The whiteness of the bread does not commend it for any merit or virtue whatever. So we must make up our minds that the law is all right, that the bureau has put the correct construction on it, and that the mellow tinted bread contributes both to our happiness and our health.

Clean Up for Easter.

From the Scranton Tribune.

The New Haven Register has suggested that it is about time to begin to clean up for Easter. If it is time for action in New Haven, it is certainly time for doing something in Scranton. The back yards and alleys of this city, not to mention some of the streets, are in a condition which, to say the least, is uninviting. In the interest of good health and good looks, we should begin the work of renovation. It is now time to plant trees, rake off the lawns, and remove the boxes and rubbish from the back yard, spruce up generally and enter upon the work of making Scranton more beautiful and more beautiful. Clean up for Easter.

Spring in the Stores.

From the Chicago Tribune.

The "openings" proclaim the approach of spring as surely as the calendar does. The retail stores have the greatest attraction now. The throngs of shoppers bring a reminiscence of the holidays. Even the casual observer notes the skill with which window displays are organized to make their mute appeal to fancy and to purse. The advertising columns of the daily papers are supplemented by the contents of the mails.

Will Get in the Men's Car.

From the Newark Star.

When the novelty wears off, that car for women only will be considered a mighty lonely affair.

Beautiful!

From the Birmingham News.

The city beautiful movement should appeal to every householder in this community. A little work and very little expense on the part of each citizen would work wonders in the improvement of the city and everybody would share in the benefits.

To the Point.

From the Cleveland Leader.

Spring signs indicate that presidential messages will be cut shorter this season.

Home at Last.

From the Richmond Times-Democrat.

A husband in another state has just returned to his wife after an absence of twenty years. We suppose the sick friend he was sitting up with died at last.

27-300 1-lb. loaves to the barrel.

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—Is a Synonym  
—For "Success"  
—In Baking.

CREAM BLEND FLOUR and failure do not belong in the same category.

Hundreds of cooks who have achieved a reputation as expert bakers owe their success to Cream Blend Flour.

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B. B. Earnshaw & Bro.  
Wholesalers, 1105, 1107, 1109 11th St. N.E.  
1000, 1002, 1004, 1006, 1008, 1010, 1012, 1014, 1016, 1018, 1020, 1022, 1024, 1026, 1028, 1030, 1032, 1034, 1036, 1038, 1040, 1042, 1044, 1046, 1048, 1050, 1052, 1054, 1056, 1058, 1060, 1062, 1064, 1066, 1068, 1070, 1072, 1074, 1076, 1078, 1080, 1082, 1084, 1086, 1088, 1090, 1092, 1094, 1096, 1098, 1100, 1102, 1104, 1106, 1108, 1110, 1112, 1114, 1116, 1118, 1120, 1122, 1124, 1126, 1128, 1130, 1132, 1134, 1136, 1138, 1140, 1142, 1144, 1146, 1148, 1150, 1152, 1154, 1156, 1158, 1160, 1162, 1164, 1166, 1168, 1170, 1172, 1174, 1176, 1178, 1180, 1182, 1184, 1186, 1188, 1190, 1192, 1194, 1196, 1198, 1200, 1202, 1204, 1206, 1208, 1210, 1212, 1214, 1216, 1218, 1220, 1222, 1224, 1226, 1228, 1230, 1232, 1234, 1236, 1238, 1240, 1242, 1244, 1246, 1248, 1250, 1252, 1254, 1256, 1258, 1260, 1262, 1264, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1272, 1274, 1276, 1278, 1280, 1282, 1284, 1286, 1288, 1290, 1292, 1294, 1296, 1298, 1300, 1302, 1304, 1306, 1308, 1310, 1312, 1314, 1316, 1318, 1320, 1322, 1324, 1326, 1328, 1330, 1332, 1334, 1336, 1338, 1340, 1342, 1344, 1346, 1348, 1350, 1352, 1354, 1356, 1358, 1360, 1362, 1364, 1366, 1368, 1370, 1372, 1374, 1376, 1378, 1380, 1382, 1384, 1386, 1388, 1390, 1392, 1394, 1396, 1398, 1400, 1402, 1404, 1406, 1408, 1410, 1412, 1414, 1416, 1418, 1420, 1422, 1424, 1426, 1428, 1430, 1432, 1434, 1436, 1438, 1440, 1442, 1444, 1446, 1448, 1450, 1452, 1454, 1456, 1458, 1460, 1462, 1464, 1466, 1468, 1470, 1472, 1474, 1476, 1478, 1480, 1482, 1484, 1486, 1488, 1490, 1492, 1494, 1496, 1498, 1500, 1502, 1504, 1506, 1508, 1510, 1512, 1514, 1516, 1518, 1520, 1522, 1524, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1532, 1534, 1536, 1538, 1540, 1542, 1544, 1546, 1548, 1550, 1552, 1554, 1556, 1558, 1560, 1562, 1564, 1566, 1568, 1570, 1572, 1574, 1576, 1578, 1580, 1582, 1584, 1586, 1588, 1590, 1592, 1594, 1596, 1598, 1600, 1602, 1604, 1606, 1608, 1610, 1612, 1614, 1616, 1618, 1620, 1622, 1624, 1626, 1628, 1630, 1632, 1634, 1636, 1638, 1640, 1642, 1644, 1646, 1648, 1650, 1652, 1654, 1656, 1658, 1660, 1662, 1664, 1666, 1668, 1670, 1672, 1674, 1676, 1678, 1680, 1682, 1684, 1686, 1688, 1690, 1692, 1694, 1696, 1698, 1700, 1702, 1704, 1706, 1708, 1710, 1712, 1714, 1716, 1718, 1720, 1722, 1724, 1726, 1728, 1730, 1732, 1734, 1736, 1738, 1740, 1742, 1744, 1746, 1748, 1750, 1752, 1754, 1756, 1758, 1760, 1762, 1764, 1766, 1768, 1770, 1772, 1774, 1776, 1778, 1780, 1782, 1784, 1786, 1788, 1790, 1792, 1794, 1796, 1798, 1800, 1802, 1804, 1806, 1808, 1810, 1812, 1814, 1816, 1818, 1820, 1822, 1824, 1826, 1828, 1830, 1832, 1834, 1836, 1838, 1840, 1842, 1844, 1846, 1848, 1850, 1852, 1854, 1856, 1858, 1860, 1862, 1864, 1866, 1868, 1870, 1872, 1874, 1876, 1878, 1880, 1882, 1884, 1886, 1888, 1890, 1892, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1900, 1902, 1904, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, 1918, 1920, 1922, 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024, 2026, 2028, 2030, 2032, 2034, 2036, 2038, 2040, 2042, 2044, 2046, 2048, 2050, 2052, 2054, 2056, 2058, 2060, 2062, 2064, 2066, 2068, 2070, 2072, 2074, 2076, 2078, 2080, 2082, 2084, 2086, 2088, 2090, 2092, 2094, 2096, 2098, 2100, 2102, 2104, 2106, 2108, 2110, 2112, 2114, 2116, 2118, 2120, 2122, 2124, 2126, 2128, 2130, 2132, 2134, 2136, 2138, 2140, 2142, 2144, 2146, 2148, 2150, 2152, 2154, 2156, 2158, 2160, 2162, 2164, 2166, 2168, 2170, 2172, 2174, 2176, 2178, 2180, 2182, 2184, 2186, 2188, 2190, 2192, 2194, 2196, 2198, 2200, 2202, 2204, 2206, 2208, 2210, 2212, 2214, 2216, 2218, 2220, 2222, 2224, 2226, 2228, 2230, 2232, 2234, 2236, 2238, 2240, 2242, 2244, 2246, 2248, 2250, 2252, 2254, 2256, 2258, 2260, 2262, 2264, 2266, 2268, 2270, 2272, 2274, 2276, 2278, 2280, 2282, 2284, 2286, 2288, 2290, 2292, 2294, 2296, 2298, 2300, 2302, 2304, 2306, 2308, 2310, 2312, 2314, 2316, 2318, 2320, 2322, 2324, 2326, 2328, 2330, 2332, 2334, 2336, 2338, 2340, 2342, 2344, 2346, 2348, 2350, 2352, 2354, 2356, 2358, 2360, 2362, 2364, 2366, 2368, 2370, 2372, 2374, 2376, 2378, 2380, 2382, 2384, 2386, 2388, 2390, 2392, 2394, 2396, 2398, 2400, 2402, 2404, 2406, 2408, 2410, 2412, 2414, 2416, 2418, 2420, 2422, 2424, 2426, 2428, 2430, 2432, 2434, 2436, 2438, 2440, 2442, 2444, 2446, 2448, 2450, 2452, 2454, 2456, 2458, 2460, 2462, 2464, 2466, 2468, 2470, 2472, 2474, 2476, 2478, 2480, 2482, 2484, 2486, 2488, 2490, 2492, 2494, 2496, 2498, 2500, 2502, 2504, 2506, 2508, 2510, 2512, 2514, 2516, 2518, 2520, 2522, 2524, 2526, 2528, 2530, 2532, 2534, 2536, 2538, 2540, 2542, 2544, 2546, 2548, 2550, 2552, 2554, 2556, 2558, 2560, 2562, 2564, 2566, 2568, 2570, 2572, 2574, 2576, 2578, 2580, 2582